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Hi,

I am writing to express my support for the Microsoft antitrust settlement. I believe it is in the public interest, it addresses the monopoly maintenance charge upheld by the appellate court and it is fair and reasonable. While addressing the anti-competitive behavior, the settlement still allows Microsoft to innovate and compete with other companies.

In these tough economic times, this is one uncertainty that can be put behind us. Imposing tougher restrictions on Microsoft could cost more jobs and cause more uncertainty in the high tech industry. I believe this settlement is in the best interest of the consumers and the public. I only wish that all States could have been on board as oppose to holding out for their own self centered political gain!!

Sincerely,  
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